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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2002 (Paper No. 2896), please amend the application as follows:

In the Abstract:

Please cancel Abstract and replace with the amended Abstract attached hereto on a separate sheet.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 9, 15, 18, and 21.

Please amend claims 10-14, 16, 28, 33-35 and 39-42 to read as follows:

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9 10. (Amended) A method of producing a composite material, wherein a porous body portion comprising a mixed conducting oxide of claim 1 is sintered at a temperature higher than the sintering temperature for a dense continuous layer of a mixed conducting oxide formed on said porous body portion.

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